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SUBJ: UNCTAD 16TH TDB - DECISIONS ON CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS
AND OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES

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1. SUMMARY: AT THE SECOND PART OF THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TDB), MAY 4, DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON THE CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE MINISTERIAL TDB AND THE RESUMED NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM RELATING TO INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORK ON TRANSPORT QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTERIAL TDB - THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE REGULAR 17TH SESSION OF THE TDB BE RESCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 2, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE MINISTERIAL TDB DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5-9, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE EXACT DATES AND AGENDA FOR THE MINISTERIAL WILL BE DETERMINED.

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MINED AFTER THE SYG OF UNCTAD CONSULTS REGIONAL GROUPS OF MEMBER STATES IN JUNE OR JULY. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THIS DECISION, GROUP B (OECD COUNTRIES) MADE STATEMENT SAYING WE UNDERSTOOD THAT ACCEPTANCE OF DATES PROPOSED BY SYG DOES NOT FINALLY DETERMINE THAT MINISTERIAL TDB WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED, AND THAT CONFIRMATION WILL DEPEND ON RESULTS OF SYG'S CONSULTATIONS ON TIMING, AS WELL AS ON THE DURATION, AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION AND PREPARATIONS FOR TDB

MINISTERIAL. (ALTHOUGH NOT INCLUDED IN GROUP B STATEMENT, THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS IN GROUP B THAT TBD MINISTERIAL SHOULD NOT LAST LONGER THAN TWO DAYS.) GROUP B STATEMENT ALSO INDICATED THAT DATES FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON DEBT PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 27 TO AUGUST 5) COULD BE SUBJECT TO RECONSIDERATION AS WELL SINCE THIS MEETING IS VIEWED AS PREPARATORY TO THE TDB MINISTERIAL.

3. COMMON FUND NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE - THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE UNCTAD SYG'S RECOMMENDATION BASED ON CONSENSUS OF ALL GROUPS, THAT THE UN NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND BE RESUMED NOVEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 2. GROUP B MADE STATEMENT NOTING THAT THESE DATES CAN BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AT THE 17TH TDB AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN RESOLUTIONS 140 AND 143 AT THE 16TH TDB. (THE PROCEDURES IN RESOLUTIONS 140 AND 143 WILL ENABLE THE JULY 11-15 MEETING OF THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE IPC TO REVIEW THE DATES OF THE RESUMED CF NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE, SHOULD IT CHOOSE TO DO SO.)

4. OTHER MEETINGS - IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS DESCRIBED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE, THE TDB ACCEPTED THE SYG'S PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE TIMING OF OTHER MEETINGS IN 1977 TO THE DATES GIVEN BELOW. (COMPLETE CALENDAR, TD/B/L.464, IS BEING CARRIED BACK TO WASHINGTON BY ADAMS OF EB/IFD/ODF.) INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY - THIRD SESSION, JULY 25-AUGUST 2; FOURTH SESSION, OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 11. PREPARATORY MEETING FOR UN CONFERENCE ON OLIVE OIL - SEPTEMBER 19-30. INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON TRADE OPPORTUNITIES RESULTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM MULTILATERAL SCHEMES OF CMEA COUNTRIES - OCTOBER 17-21. COMMITTEE ON INVISIBLES AND FINANCING RELATED TO TRADE - DECEMBER 5-16. INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS TO STUDY MULTILATERAL PAYMENTS SYSTEM BETWEEN EASTERN EUROPE AND LDCS - NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 2. BASED ON COMMUNICATION FROM INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL, THE TDB REQUESTED THE UNCTAD SYG TO CONSULT THE IWC ABOUT SCHEDULING OF A POSSIBLE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON WHEAT IN OCTOBER 1977. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY FROM PHILIPPINE DELEGATE (AMB. BRILLANTES) WHO IS CONVINCED CURRENT SUGAR NEGOTIATION WILL NOT END IN AGREEMENT, UNCTAD SECRETARIAT SAID IT WOULD BE PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE A RESUMED SESSION OF NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON SUGAR IN OCTOBER AS WELL, SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY. (PHILIPPINES IS ONE IMPORTANT DELEGATION AT CURRENT SUGAR CONFERENCE WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE NO PREPARED POSITION.)

5. TRANSPORT QUESTIONS - IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING CONTAINED IN TD/B/L.465, THE TDB PASSED A DECISION (1) WHICH REQUESTED THE UNCTAD SYG TO DISCUSS ITS PROPOSED

APPROACH TO TRANSPORT PROBLEMS AT THE MAY 23 MEETING OF THE ECOSOC
COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION, WHICH WILL DISCUSS THE
REPORT ON UN TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES PREPARED BY THE UN SYG AND (2)
REQUESTED THE 17TH TDB TO REVIEW THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE
UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING IN LIGHT OF PERTINENT ECOSOC DECISIONS.
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